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Security Council

9.30 a.m. . . . . 6733rd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Libya

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (S/2012/129)

   Letter dated 7 March 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/139)

Morning[1] . . . . . 6734th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6733rd meeting.

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Delegations are notified of an extension of the deadline until Monday, 19 March 2012, to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A).

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the High-level Plenary Meeting will be established by a drawing of lots. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations. For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will take place on Tuesday, 13 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. A letter from the Chair, dated 1 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The co-facilitators on the monitoring mechanism to follow-up on all commitments related to Africa's development needs will hold follow-up consultations with the United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, on Wednesday, 14 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

A letter from the co-facilitators was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be a briefing by the Secretary-General on the final report of his High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (A/66/700) on Friday, 16 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Conditions of service: Judges (A/66/617 and A/66/709))

Agenda item 142 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/66/674))

3–5 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Capital master plan (A/66/527, A/66/527/Add.1, A/66/5 (Vol. V), A/66/324, A/66/7/Add.11 and A/66/179))

5–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Feasibility study: United Nations Headquarters long-term accommodation (A/66/349 and A/66/7/Add.3 (Chapt.V)))

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1, C and E (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1, C and E (NLB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/66/591, A/66/598, A/66/15, A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1) . . . . . [6]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)
2. Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2863rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General . . . . . [1]

Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant . . . . . [2]

Adoption of the agenda (CCPR/C/104/1/Rev.1) . . . . . [3]

Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the pre-sessional working group on individual communications . . . . . [4]

Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations . . . . . [5]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2864th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Consideration of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant . . . . . [7]

Fifth periodic report of the Dominican Republic (CCPR/C/DOM/5)

Economic and Social Council

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

10–11 a.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Opening of the meeting

Opening remarks by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia)

Statement by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, to be delivered by the Chef de Cabinet of the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Mutlaq Al-Qahtani

Statements by representatives of major institutional stakeholders on the overall theme "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for development":

H.E. Mr. Anthony Mothae Maruping, Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva, and President of the Trade and Development Board, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Mr. Jorge Familiar Calderón, Vice-President, Secretary of the Board and Acting Secretary of the Development Committee, World Bank

Mr. Jianhai Lin, Secretary of the International Monetary Fund and Secretary of the International Monetary and Financial Committee

Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, Director of the Development Division, World Trade Organization

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Thematic debate of the whole on theme 2:

"Financing of sustainable development" (E/2012/7)[1]

Presentation by Ms. Rachel Kyte, Vice-President, Sustainable Development Network, World Bank

Presentation by Ms. Marianne Fay, Chief Economist for Sustainable Development and Lead Author, *World Bank Green Growth Report*

Interactive discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

1. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations
2. Thematic debate of the whole on theme 1:

"Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade" (E/2012/7)[1]

Presentation by Mr. Martin Rama, Director and Lead Author, *World Development Report 2013: Jobs*, World Bank

Presentation by Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Interactive discussion

[For further information, as well as statements and documentation relating to the high-level meeting, please visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2012/>.]

[1]To be issued.

Committee for Development Policy
Fourteenth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

General Assembly

United Nations Appeals Tribunal

Hearing

The United Nations Appeals Tribunal will hold a hearing (open) on Monday, 12 March 2012, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Courtroom (7th Floor, Teachers Building (730 Third Avenue).

Other meetings

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Monday, 12 March 2012

Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Monday, 12 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 13 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB), and its 28th meeting at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 28th meeting in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Briefings

The secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) will hold briefings on the Conference and its preparatory process. The briefings will be conducted by the Head of the UNCSD Office and Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Mr. Nikhil Seth, as follows: Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (on the way forward to the Conference and the Conference itself); Wednesday, 14 March, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB) (on the institutional framework for sustainable development (IFSD)); and Thursday, 15 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (on sustainable development goals (SDGs)). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 4528).

Informal informal negotiations

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will meet from Monday, 19, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (room IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials for the Preparatory Committee can be found at <www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 340th meeting on Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, will brief on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and developments in the political process. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as interested non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the media.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/23 and decision 2012/2, the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), will convene a one-day meeting of the Council on Thursday, 15 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its seventh session (E/2011/45–E/C.18/2011/6)[1] and the report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2012/8)[1].

During the morning meeting, a panel discussion on the theme "The role of multilateral bodies in strengthening international cooperation in tax matters" will be held, followed by a general discussion. During the afternoon meeting, the President of the Council will chair the launch of the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries (2011 update), after which the general discussion will continue.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room IN-603A; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org; room DC2-2148; fax 1 (917) 367-5869).

For more information please, contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653) or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2012ICTM/index.htm>.

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

[1]To be issued.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Vice-Chair-designate of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. William A. Awinador-Kanyirige (Ghana), on behalf of the Chair, will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Informal open-ended consultations with Member States convened by the Chair-designate of the upcoming Preparatory Committee for the 2012 Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Wednesday, 14 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR workshop on "Positioning of the United Nations system in a changing development landscape" (organized in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (Module III))

Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Round-table discussion on "Reflections on the relevance of the Manila Declaration in today's world" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of the Philippines (Mr. Robert Borje (e-mail robert.e.a.borje@gmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 385-7121); or Ms. Theresa Narbuada (e-mail tetnarbuada@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 385-7128)).]

Expert Group Meeting on "Transfer pricing and capacity development in tax matters" (co-organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York Office)

Wednesday, 14 March 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 2 to 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[The event is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard, Financing for Development Office, DESA (e-mail lennard@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2012EgmTax/index.htm>.]

Panel discussion on "Human trafficking, HIV/AIDS, women's empowerment and art" (Ashley Judd in conversation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Wednesday, 14 March 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Susana Castillo, UNODC (e-mail castillos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy/NYworkshop>; or contact Ms. Ena Sawh, New York Office of UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Submission of national reports on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument

With reference to General Assembly resolution 66/47 dated 2 December 2011, entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects" (A/RES/66/47), and Note Verbale ODA/43-2011/SALW-PoA, dated 13 December 2011, from the Office for Disarmament Affairs, Member States are reminded of the submission of national reports on their implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Member States that have not yet done so are encouraged to make their submissions in advance of the convening of the Preparatory Committee for the Programme of Action Review Conference (19–23 March 2012). Member States may wish to make use of the reporting template, which enables direct on line submissions of their national reports and is available in the six official languages of the United Nations <www.poa-iss.org/reporting>. A unique user account name and password for on line submissions have been issued to Member States. Submissions may be transmitted on line or in hardcopy to the Office for Disarmament Affairs. For information and assistance, please contact the Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2390).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 9 March 2012

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

17th meeting

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled: "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

The Commission resumed its consideration of agenda item 3.

Action on draft proposals

Draft decision E/CN.6/2012/L.1

The Commission was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

Andorra, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, the Niger, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

The Commission adopted the draft decision.

Draft resolution E/CN.6/2012/L.2

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Brazil and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Israel made a statement and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 26 to 2, with 10 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States; after the vote, statements were made by the representative of Japan and the observers for Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Palestine.

Draft resolution E/CN.6/2012/L.3

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Argentina, Brazil, Guinea and India had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution E/CN.6/2012/L.5

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States made a statement, orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Honduras, Iceland, India, Ireland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Rwanda, Switzerland and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Montenegro, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the observer for Jordan.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Mauritania (on behalf of the Arab States), the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation, and by the observers for Malta, Mali and Poland.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

Draft resolution E/CN.6/2012/L.6

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of El Salvador made a statement and announced that Austria, Brazil, Cuba, Honduras, Spain and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Germany, Guinea, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, New Zealand, Romania and Slovenia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Spain, as well as by the observers for Algeria (on behalf of Group of 77 and China) and Palestine.

18th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled: "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

The Commission resumed its consideration of agenda item 3.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution E/CN.6/2012/L.4

The representative of Japan made a statement, orally revised the text and announced that Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Mongolia, Panama, Poland, Romania and South Africa had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, Jamaica, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the observer for Norway (also on behalf of Iceland and New Zealand).

Draft resolution E/CN.6/2012/L.7

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) made a statement, withdrew document E/CN.6/2012/L.7, introduced and circulated a new draft proposal (in English only) and announced that Algeria, Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Nigeria, the Philippines, Rwanda and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the text.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Guinea, Grenada, Haiti, India, Jamaica and Senegal joined in sponsoring the text.

The Committee adopted the draft proposal, in English only.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and by the observers for Australia and Chile.

Action on the draft agreed conclusions on the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges

The Chair updated the Commission on the progress in the negotiations of the agreed conclusions.

A statement was made by the Secretary.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the Chair, the Commission took note of a number of documents before the Commission.

Communication concerning the status of women . . . . . [4]

The Chair recalled that, at its closed meeting on 7 March 2012, the Commission had taken note of the report of the Working Group on Communications and had decided to include it, in its entirety, in the report of the Commission.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission . . . . . [6]

The Commission began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Commission then approved the provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, as contained in document E/CN.6/2012/L.9

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

The Chair made a statement and suspended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Cocoa Agreement, 2010. Geneva, 25 June 2010

Signature: Dominican Republic (9 March 2012)

Provisional application: Dominican Republic (9 March 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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